Utilisation of CWC godowns

1982. SHRI R.K. ANAND: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that owned capacity of CWC godowns utilization has been declining and the capacity utilization of hire godowns is on the increase;

(b) if so, the details of the under utilization of owned capacity and undertaking hiring of godowns and the infructuous expenditure incurred thereon; and

(c) the steps taken to ensure break even point for capacity utilization?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH): (a) and (b) No Sir, the owned capacity utilization has not been declining but is on the increase and so is the capacity utilization of hired godowns.

(c) The capacity utilization of CWC is on an increase and is more than the break-even point. However, with a view to increase the utilization of storage space belonging to CWC, following steps have been taken by the Government:

(i) CWC/FCI has been asked to de-hire private godowns (Covered and CAP) where utilization is less than 25%.

(ii) FCI has also been advised to give priority to hire CWC's godowns for storage of foodgrains.

Requirement of edible oils

†1983. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made an assessment of the annual requirement of edible oils in the country;

(b) if so, the quantum thereof;

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.